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Board of Directors – Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 7:16 p.m.

Location: Fire Hall

Board Members Present:

- Rebecca Bridwell, Chair
- Tom Taylor, Director
- Christi Beck, Director

Staff / Guests Present:

- Dawnia Deegan, Secretary
- Community members

1. Call to Order by

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Rebecca Bridwell, Chair.

2. Public Comment

Time was allocated for public comment.
No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Director Beck to approve the minutes as presented.
Seconded by Director Taylor and carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Bills

The Board reviewed outstanding bills and recent expenditures, including medical supply purchases paid by credit card pending reimbursement authorization.

A motion was made Director Taylor to approve payment of the bills as presented.
Seconded by Director Beck and carried unanimously.

All required documents were signed.

5. Financial Matters

- Medical Supplies

It was reported that prescription authorization from Sierra Sacramento EMS was required for certain medical supplies. Remaining items from the order are pending delivery.

- Membership Fees – National Volunteer Fire Council

Membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council was discussed, including training resources and death and dismemberment insurance benefits for volunteer firefighters.

A motion was made by Director Beck to approve payment of \$24.00 annual memberships, including renewals.
Seconded by Director Taylor and carried unanimously.

- Insurance Refund Authorization

The Board discussed an anticipated insurance refund due to policy changes effective March 1. To avoid delay, authorization was requested to deposit the refund upon receipt.

A motion was made Director Taylor to authorize immediate deposit of the refund when received.
Seconded Director Beck and carried unanimously.

- Audit Engagement

The Board discussed the required five-year audit. AGT was identified as the only firm willing to perform the audit at this time, with an estimated cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

A motion was made by Director Beck to approve the engagement letter. Seconded Director Taylor and carried unanimously.

- Budget Transfer

To partially fund the audit and truck-related expenses, a budget transfer of \$25,000 from contingencies to the expenditures account was requested.

A motion was made Director Taylor to approve the budget transfer. Seconded by Director Beck and carried unanimously.

6. Old Business

- Wildland Truck

No update was available regarding repairs to the auxiliary pump on the wildland truck. Approval from Cal Fire is required due to the loan agreement. Staff will continue follow-up.

- Board Vacancies

The Board of Supervisors appointed Patty and Jimmy Crusher. Official documentation and oath of office will be completed at the next meeting.

- Insurance Refund Status

No refund check has been received as of this meeting date. Follow-up is ongoing.

7. Financial Overview

Current budget balances and contingency accounts were reviewed. Contingency funds include tax revenues, fees, and refunds, which require formal budget transfers prior to expenditure.

8. Reports

- Fire Chief's Report

One vegetation fire response was reported. Units were canceled prior to arrival.

9. Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

10. Next Meeting

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fire Hall

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Beck, seconded by Director Taylor, and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca Bridwell, Chair

Dawnia Deegan, Secretary
